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E.O.11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: ISRAELI CONCERN RE SECURITY IN JOURDAN VALLEY

REF: USDAO TEL AVIV 0827 P140910Z MAY 75

1. WE CALL TO ATTENTION OF ADDRESSEES REF DAO
MSG REPORTING NORMAL IDF ACTIVITY ON WEST BANK
AND IN JORDAN VALLEY, WITH EXCEPTIN OF INCREASED
ROAD BLOCKS ON ROADS LEADING FROM RIVER.

2. DEFMIN PERES IN TWO SEPARATE APPEAR-
ANCES MAY 13 HAS ALSO ACCUSED JORDAN OF MOVING ARMORED FORCES
OVER PAST FEW DAYS TO JORDAN VALLEY AND ONTO MOUNTAIN
SLOPES NEAR RIVER. PERES CLAIMED THAT IDF DEPLOYMENT
ALONG JORDAN RIVER PREVEENTS ADVANCE OF JORDANIAN
FORCES TOWARD JERUSALEM AND COASTAL PLAINS (FBIS
TA131935). HE ALSO WARNED THAT " JORDAN IS MOVING
IN THE SYRIAN DIRECTION" AND ASSERTED THERE IS NO
DIFFERENCE OF OPINION OVER THE FUTURE OF THE JORDAN
VALLEY, WHICH IS DESIGNATED FOR A GROUP OF LARGE
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SETTLEMENTS AND COULD BECOME FIRST-CLASS ARGICULTURAL ZONE

ONCE WATER IS FOUND (FBIS TA131516).

3. COMMENT: WE ASSUME THAT LACK OF NOTICEABLE
ISRAELI MILITARY PRECAUTIONS ON WESTBANK AND IN
JORDAN VALLEY REFLECTS AN ISRAEL JUDGMENT
THAT JORDANINS TROOP MOVEMENTS ARE NOT AS OMINOUS INFAC T AS
PERES' STATEMENT MIGHT SUGGEST. WOULD BE MOST INTERESED
HOWEVER, IN ANY INFO AMMAN MIGHT BE ABLE TO PROVIDE ON THIS SUBJECT.
AS FOR JORDANIAN REPORTS OF IDF BUILDUP, THESE MAY HAVE ARISEN FROM
EXAGGERATION OF INCREASED ISRAELI ANTI-TERRORIST ACTIVITIES REPORTED
BY DAO. RE PERES' CONTINUING AND INCREASINGLY STERN STATEMENTS REGARD
ING
JORDAN, IT IS CONCEIVABLE THAT GOI MAY BE ATTEMPTING TO LAY
GROUNDWORK, BOTH WITHIN ISRAEL
AND OUTSIDE, FOR EXCLUSION OF WEST BANK FOR TIME BEING IN FROM ANY
POSSIBLE CONSIDERATION OF OVER-ALL SETTLEMENT WHETHER GENEVA
OR ELSEWHERE.
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